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SUBJECT: SENATOR RUSSELL LONG REQUEST FOR AMBASSADOR'S ASSISTANCE
TO AMERICAN DRILLING CONTRACTORS

1. AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED COMMERCIAL CABLE FROM SENATOR RUSSELL LONG REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FOR MISSION DRILLING AND EXPLORATION CORPORATION OF LOUISIANA (MDEC). CABLE REPORTS BREAKDOWN IN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL NATIONAL OIL COMPANY (INOC) AND MDEC, WHICH HOPES TO LEASE DRILLING SHIP TO ISRAELIS. AMBASSADOR IS REQUESTED BY SENATOR LONG TO RECOMMEND ISRAELIS CONCLUDE CONTRACT WITH REPUTABLE AMERICAN DRILLING CONTRACTORS RATHER THAN FOREIGN COMPETITORS.

2. ALTHOUGH CABLE DOES NOT SPECIFY LOCATIONS FOR SHIP OPERATIONS, WE BELIEVE THAT INOC IS MORE INTERESTED - BY OIL PROSPECTS IN OCCUPIED WATERS OF SOUTHERN GULF OF SUEZ AND OFFSHORE NORTH-CENTRAL SINAI THAN IN ISRAEL'S OWN COASTAL WATERS.

2. H ACTION REQUESTED: CONTACT SENATOR LONG FOR AMBASSADOR TOON AND EXPLAIN THAT NO OFFICIAL INTERVENTION CAN BE MADE IN THIS CASE UNLESS LEASED DRILL-SHIP IS FOR USE IN ISRAELI WATERS ONLY. IN EXPLAINING USG POSITION, H MAY WISH TO REFER TO LANGUAGE USED BY
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON IN HIS JUNE 4 CONVERSATION

WITH CONGRESSMAN CHARLES WILSON OF TEXAS.
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